

REMARKS

Applicants received a Missing Requirements Notice (dated November 13, 2006), indicating that the Article 34 amendments that accompanied the original application papers filed on March 29, 2006, have not been entered. The original application papers included (among other things) a Preliminary Amendment that incorporated the Article 34 amendments. The March 29, 2006 Preliminary Amendment is not accurate to the extent that it is based on the Article 34 Amendments, which were not entered. ***The USPTO is respectfully requested to disregard the March 29, 2006 Preliminary Amendment.***

To clarify the record, Applicants submit this 2nd Preliminary Amendment to implement the changes set forth in (1) the Article 34 amendments and (2) the March 29, 2006 Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants note that the Article 34 Amendments included changes to the specification. To effect these changes, Applicants submit a voluntary Substitute Specification along with a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the additions and deletions to the original specification. The Substitute Specification only includes the changes indicated on the marked-up copy of the original specification. The Substitute Specification does not contain any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that this application be examined on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

DJD/HRH/lmg

Enclosures: Marked-Up Specification
Substitute Specification

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